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About the Author

Sue Patterson, wife and mom to three grown homeschoolers, is as busy as an "empty nester" as she was while the kids were all still home! Her kids are off on adventures of their own now, weaving in and out of her life. Sue and her family began homeschooling in 1996 when they found the local public schools simply weren't good enough. They participated in support groups at the local, state and national level, as her husband's military career moved them from state to state. Now, nearly two decades later, she feels she's seen enough and knows enough to help people understand more about how to homeschool successfully.

Sue is also a life coach and mentor helping families who are leaving the school system navigate their new homeschooling world. Through her experience, wisdom, and unique tips for each family's needs, parents gain confidence, knowledge, and find the reassurance they need to be successful. Sue also helps homeschooling families who feel "stuck in a rut" find more joy and excitement on their homeschooling path. Sue hosts the Unschooling Mom2Mom website/Facebook group, and is the managing editor of 'The Homeschooler Post.' A well-loved speaker at conferences around the country, Sue enjoys talking to people as much as she loves writing—combining the two whenever possible! She is excited to share the results of her new book, 'Homeschooled Teens!' She is sure that your fears will be allayed and after reading this, you'll be inspired and ready to dive into homeschooling your own teens!

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